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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

HAROLD M. RIDEAU

May 23, 2011

Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

***Re: WT 11-65: Applications of AT&T and Deutsche Telekom AG
for consent to assign or transfer control of licenses and authorizations***

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As the Mayor of the City of Baker, Louisiana, I am always trying to keep up with any advancement that can make the lives of our 14,000 residents and 198 businesses better. Mobile broadband is one such advancement.

This is why I urge you to support the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile. By combining the infrastructure and bandwidth of these two companies, residents of Baker will have access to a faster and more reliable mobile Internet in a shorter amount of time. If this merger is approved, AT&T has promised that its 4G service offering will be available to more than 97 percent of the country in a few short years.

In our area, especially, we have many under-served and rural areas that could benefit from improved service. Currently we are forced to use another service provider, due to the fact that our police department does not have blanket coverage for our service area through AT&T.

Access to the highest quality of Internet service is paramount to our needs here in Louisiana. I encourage you to recognize the importance of this modern tool to smaller communities like Baker, and to realize how we will all benefit from the AT&T/ T-Mobile merger.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Harold M. Rideau
Mayor